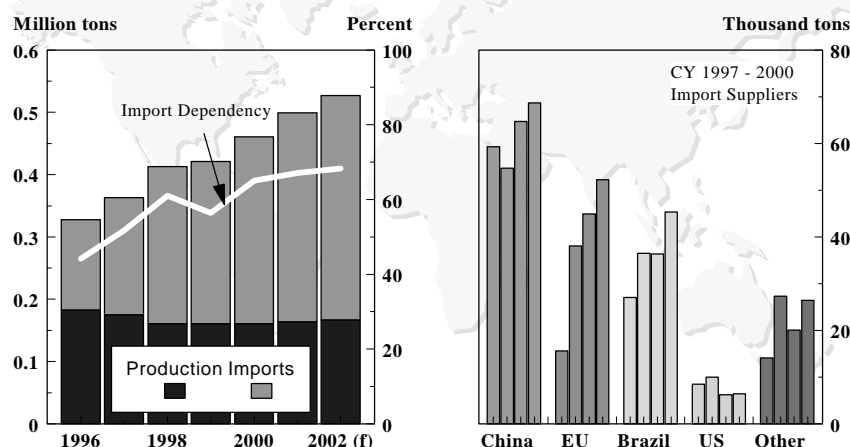


# Hong Kong's Pork Situation

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 (p)	2002 (f)
Pork (1,000 tons; carcass weight equivalent)							
Production	183	175	161	161	161	164	167
Imports	145	188	252	260	300	335	360
Consumption	318	345	368	376	405	434	452
Exports	10	18	45	45	56	65	75

## Hong Kong's Growing Consumption Met by Imports as Production Virtually Unchanged



Hong Kong's pork imports in 2002 are forecast at 360,000 tons, up 7 percent from 2001 due mainly to strong consumption. The increase in consumption is also supported by the shift in consumption pattern due to food safety concerns after the BSE crisis in the EU and Japan and the avian disease outbreak. Major suppliers of pork to Hong Kong will continue to be China, the EU, and Brazil due mainly to competitive prices. In addition, Hong Kong's imports from Vietnam and Thailand are increasing as these products suit Hong Kong consumers' preferences.